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provided by said information providing sites, store the data retrieved from said information providing sites in said retrieval database, retrieve from said retrieval database data corresponding to information-retrieval input information received by said information retrieval site from an information terminal, and transmit said data retrieved from said retrieval database to said information terminal so as to cause a monitor of said information terminal to display said data retrieved from said retrieval database.

2. (Amended) The information retrieval service system according to claim 1, wherein said retrieval server is configured to retrieve from said information providing sites said data representing details of services respectively provided by said information providing sites by periodically accessing said information providing sites.

3. (Amended) The information retrieval service system according to claim 1, wherein said data retrieved from said retrieval database includes a hyperlink indicating an Internet address of the information providing site providing the data and which is embedded in a data image that is displayed on said monitor of said information terminal.

4. (Amended) The information retrieval service system according to claim 1, wherein said information retrieval site further comprises a user registration database configured to store a profile of a user, and

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~~¶~~ said retrieval server is configured to retrieve the data corresponding to the information-retrieval input information, according to the profile of the user, which is read from said user registration database.
